

Candidate Information

Your name as it appears on the ballot

Katie Scott

City, State & Zip

Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103

I am a candidate running for

Washtenaw County- Board of Commission - District 9

Party Affiliation - I am running as a/an

Democrat

I am currently an elected official and hold the office of:

Washtenaw County- Board of Commission - District 9

As an elected official, you have an opportunity to lead and influence public policy and investment in the arts + creative industries.

What are your personal beliefs, interests and investments in the arts + creative industries? Please check all that apply.

- I believe that the arts + creative industries are important and that they enhance and improve the quality of life, place and economy in our community making it a great place to create, live, work, learn, play and visit.
- People living in my community should have access to excellent and affordable art, creative, cultural and heritage offerings in our community.
- I believe every child in Washtenaw County should have access to excellent arts and creative education at every grade level.
- I am an amateur artist or creative and enjoy spending leisure time on these activities.

Government/Municipal Planning - Integrating the Arts + Creative Industries

- Government/Municipal Master Plans
- Government/Municipal Strategic Plans
- Government/Municipal Economic Plans
- Government/Municipal Arts + Creative Industries Plan

Commissions - Establishing & Investing in an Arts + Creative Industries Commission

- An arts + creative industries commission charged with developing, implementing, maintaining and evaluating a comprehensive arts and creative industries plan (including public art and design). This commission will have proper resources including a budget and qualified staff resources.
- Working to establish a countywide arts +creative industries commission and/or agency with equitable representation and shared investment responsibilities by all Washtenaw County

governments to develop, implement, maintain and evaluate a comprehensive arts and creative industries master plan.

Public Investment & Policy - Arts & Creative Industries

- Appropriations - direct spending on arts & creative programs such as including funding for commissions and qualified staff.
- Municipal grant program for projects and programs (not public art & design)
- Require the integration of public art & design into government building projects.
- Establishing a program that dedicates a determined percent of municipal construction budgets to be invested in public art & design projects.
- Economic development support/grants specific to arts and creative industry projects/programs.
- Contributed public safety and services for special/community events.
- Government grants/opportunities requiring municipal engagement– with or without community partners, leading, providing staff and financial resources for planning, applications, project implementation and reporting.
- Require a percentage of Washtenaw County's accommodations tax to be used to support an arts + creative industries commission charged with, among other initiatives, subgranting to arts + creative agencies.
- Other grants/opportunities with or without community partners, leading, providing staff and financial resources for planning, applications, project implementation and reporting.
- Disaster relief funds and services should be afforded the arts + creative industries (for and nonprofit) as it is other Michigan industries.

Emergency Relief and Restoration

Yes, I will work to require that the arts + creative industries are included and have equitable decision-making responsibility at economic development agencies.

Arts + Creative Education Integration for Student Excellent (ACEISE) in Washtenaw County

My pre-K-12 education included arts + creative education.

Yes, my pre-K-12 education included arts + creative education.

Arts + Creative Education

Yes, I will be an advocate in support of arts & creative education.

What role do you believe elected officials and government agencies should play in leading arts and creative industry development and sustainability in their communities?

First of all, elected officials have a duty to understand how much the arts and creative industry contributes to the economy. That knowledge is underscored by the understanding that the arts and creative industries are often bellwethers to issues in our communities. Sometimes some elected officials might not like to hear or see or experience these messages, but to be effective community leaders, we need to seek understanding of our communities. If art and creative industry is not developed or sustained, we lose an essential voice and truth. I believe firmly in making sure the arts are funded and that art and creative industry continues to have funding and a place in Washtenaw County.

If elected, what role will you take in leading arts & creative industry development and sustainability in your community?

As an individual who is passionate about creative arts, I will champion these industries in budget conversations and community discussion. I know the role that the arts can have in creating a fulfilled and well-rounded life. I also know how much access to art programs having, museums, music venues impacted my life for the positive and still does. Because I have this intimate connection to the arts, I will always stand up for their place in our county.

If elected, I will be a leader and champion for the arts + creative industries in sessions, committee meetings and in my district. I look forward to working with and learning from those in my community practicing in, championing and advocating for the arts and creative industries.

- Yes, I will be a leader and champion for the arts + creative industries.

If elected, would you join a legislative arts, humanities and/or creative industries caucus?

- Yes, I would join.

If yes, which caucus would you join?

- Washtenaw County Arts & Creative Industries Caucus - when it is formed.